MELUR GROUP PANCHAYAT—RESIGNATION OF ELECTED MEMBERS

259. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received resignations from all the elected members from the Melur village, to the Melur Group Panchayat;

(*b*) what is the reason given for the resignations;

(*c*) will the Government publish the resignation letter as Appendix to this question?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes. Two members have resigned.

(*b*) Dissatisfaction with the nominations made to the Panchayat from Melur village.

(*c*) The resignation letter is placed on the Council table.

MELUR PANCHAYAT—PRESIDENT'S ELECTION AND RESIGNATION OF PANCHAYATDARS

260. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the date of the President's election to Melur Panchayat;

(*b*) the date of resignation of the elected Panchayatdars;

(*c*) is it in accordance with the provisions of the Panchayat Act, to conduct a President election while the majority of the Panchayatdars have resigned their seats?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 18th Edavam 1115.

(*b*) The elected Panchayatdars had not resigned.

(*c*) No.

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Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* On the very day nomination was published, did they not tender resignation?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The resignation was not tendered in the proper way, because their deposits will be forfeited. If they had submitted their resignation in the

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proper channel that would have been refused. Without resigning the resignation paper was sent.

MELUR GROUP PANCHAYAT—NOMINATIONS TO

261. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the name of the person who has been nominated to represent Melur Village in the Melur Group Panchayat;

(*b*) what were the considerations that weighed with the Minister in making this nomination;

(*c*) is he a native of the village and has he any influence there;

(*d*) to what community he belongs;

(*e*) what is the total population of the village and the number of Christians, Nayars, Ezhuvas and Backward Hindus;

(*f*) have not the public of Melur, at a duly convened public meeting, strongly protested against this nomination;

(*g*) in pursuance to the resolution passed at such a meeting, have not all the elected members from Melur, resigned their membership as Panchayatdars?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Mr. Pulani Kovilakam Koratti Swarupam Kunhlilaip Thampayi Kavu Thampan.

(*b*) Non-representation in election.

(*c*) (*i*) He has the required residential qualification for being nominated as a Panchayatdar.

(*ii*) He has vested interests in the village.

(*d*) Caste Hindu-Kshatriya.

(*e*) Total population according to the last census 7,283

Hindus	..	4,461
Christians	..	2,786

The detailed community-war information as required in the question is not available.

(*f*) Some people of the village in a meeting have protested against this nomination.

(*g*) Yes. Two members have resigned recently.

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